

Purpose of Manual

The purpose of this manual is to provide our clients with information about the laboratory services available and to provide a guide for collecting and submitting specimens for analysis.

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Mission

The Bureau of Laboratories, S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, formerly named the State Public Health Laboratory, is a multi-disciplinary, integrated source of diagnostic services including analytical support and consultation for physicians, private laboratories and county health departments. The Bureau of Laboratories is prepared to assist in any national public health emergency.

The mission of the Bureau of Laboratories is to provide laboratory-based health and environmental assessments for accurate diagnosis, prevention and surveillance of infectious and chronic diseases, congenital disorders and environmental hazards to reduce the incidence of illness and death and to improve the quality of life among the people of the state.